(b) if so, whether Government have made any inquiry into the matter; and

(c) what is the result thereof and what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Directorate of Economic Research of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has conducted a Census of 13,216 biogas plants in 14 selected districts of Maharashtra, Bihar and Tamil Nadu covering plants constructed under the aegis of KVIC during the period 1974-75 to 1981-82 (before the period of launching of the National Project for Biogas Development). KVIC state that 826 plants which were under construction at the time of the survey were classified as nontraceable and re-verification is being undertaken to determine the final position. KVIC has also initiated appropriate departmental action in regard to a few cases relating to cement and steel.

The Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources (DNES) monitor the National Project for Biogas Development through receipt of Inspection Reports from the State Governments and KVIC by conduct of survey by independent agencies, such as National Council of Applied Economic Research, etc., through field inspection done by its own staff with the Regional Offices, and is in the process of establishing 7 Monitoring Cells in different parts of the country. The Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources is continuing to strengthen its monitoring mechanism.

बरियारपुर टेलीफोन सेवा

643. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मुंगेर जिले में बरियारपुर स्थित टेलीफोन केन्द्र को अभी तक मजबूत नहीं किया गया है और वहां एस०टी०डी० सुविधाएं उपलब्ध नहीं करायी गयी हैं जिसके फलस्वरूप संसद् सदस्यों को भी संतोषजनक टेलीफोन सेवा उपलब्ध नहीं हो रही है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में स्थित में सुधार करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा प्रस्तावित कदमों का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम निवास मिर्धा) : (क) बरियारपुर के टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज को समर्थ बना दिया गया है। छोटे आटोमेटिक एक्सचेंजों में एस०टी०डी० सेवा चालू करना संभव नहीं है। इनकी सेवा संतोषजनक है।

(ख) उपर्युक्त (क) को देखते प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

Appointment of Chief Executives, etc in Public Sector Enterprises

644. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI N. E. BALRAM:
DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the appointment of as many as 44 Chief Executives and Functional Directors, Chairmen or Managing Directors in various public sector enterprises have been kept in abeyance so far even after the selection of the incumbents had been completed by the Public Enterprises Selection Board; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the impact on the overall functioning of those units of the delay in making these appointments?